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1. Since 6 March Soviet submarines have been in the Leichou Peninsula area, except for a short period which they spent at Haik'ou (110-20, 20-30).

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2. In mid-March the Swatow Military Control Commission, a Swatow naval unit, and a Swatow anti-aircraft gun regiment formed the Swatow high Seas Patrol Squadron, with one small gunboat and 5 tugboats. Each vessel will have 40 Chinese Communist soldiers equipped with 2 bazookas, 2 small cannon, 4 heavy and 4 light machine guns, and a number of automatic rifles. The gunboats and 3 of the tugs also have anti-aircraft guns.

3. On 21 March there were 8 small Chinese Communist gunboats in the Tinghai (122-06, 30-03) area. One of these, a 400-ton vessel, is used as a convoy ship between Tinghai and Chenhai (121-42, 29-58); the other 7 are based at Lengshan (approximately 121-40, 29-40) and are fishing boats of the Marine Products Company of the former Tinghai Fishing Labor Union, each having a capacity of 80 tons and painted grey and white. These boats patrol the waters in the Ch'angt'u (122-16, 30-16), Shenchiamen (122-16, 29-58), Ch'engssu (122-16, 30-16), and Choushan areas.

4. Since late February the Yamuchou (Yamuchou) Shipbuilding Yards, Foochow, have been building "floating fortresses" for the Chinese Communists. By 20 March work had been completed on six of these vessels. The "fortress" consists of three motor junks placed side by side and joined by a common deck of reinforced concrete on which are positions for small artillery pieces. According to engineers at this shipyard, a "fortress" can only sail near the coast and cannot be maneuvered easily in stormy weather.

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5. In the Hanchiang (119-05, 25-28) area civilian laborers, under the supervision of army engineers, are building small junks, each with a capacity of 3-5 persons. As of 22 March construction had been completed on 340 of these junks, all of which are now in Hsinghua Bay (119- , 25-). According to a Chinese Communist engineer in the area, these junks are to be used in attacks on Nationalist-held islands along the Fukien coast.
6. On 5 March Ma-lu-ta (馬陸達), Soviet Consul at Canton, left Canton on an inspection tour of Kwangtung coastal defenses with 11 Soviet advisers and CHUNG Ming-chun (鍾明峻) and OU Ch'u (歐初). Chinese Communist Deputy Directors of the Central Kwangtung District. They went to Sanshui (112-54, 23-08) by rail, and thence to the Chaoch'ing (112-29, 23-04), Chiangmen (113-06, 22-34) and Yaimen (113- , 22-) areas by boat, following which they went to Kuanghai (112-48, 21-58) via T'aishan (112-48, 22-15).

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